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METHOD FOR PRODUCING LETTER ENVELOPES FROM A

MOVING WEB OF MATERIAL

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT IN RCE

MAIL STOP RCE Hon. Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to continued examination and in response to the Office Action dated December 17, 2003, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.